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from fish and game producing waters.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners that legislation to enable development of electric power at the Hanford Reactor be promoted and supported.

RESOLUTION NO. 13

U. S. BUREAU OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

Whereas, S. 3117 has been introduced to establish a Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and to define its authority and power, and

Whereas, this Bill includes a fifty million dollar grant-in-aid to the states for recreation planning purposes, and

Whereas, the Bill provides for the designation of a single agency within each state to serve as the authorized state planning agency, and

Whereas, in many states there is no single agency with sufficient broad scope and powers to accomplish this planning, and

Whereas, the recreational planning related to game and fish management should be accomplished by agencies experienced in this field;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that S. 3117 be amended to provide that in the broad spectrum of outdoor recreation the state fish and game departments be specifically made responsible for planning in the fish and game fields.

RESOLUTION NO. 14

DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC LANDS- RECREATION LANDS

Whereas, H. R. 7788 has been introduced into the Congress of the United States to provide for the disposal of certain public lands for urban and business purposes, and

Whereas, such legislation conceivably could be interpreted to allow public lands valuable for public recreation purposes to be sold to private individuals

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners hereby requests that any language which permits the disposal of lands valuable for recreation purposes be eliminated from H. R. 7788.

RESOLUTION NO. 15

FEDERAL HIGHWAYS IN THE COORDINATION ACT

Whereas, the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners has on several occasions in the past endorsed the general principle that the Coordination Act should apply to Federal highway construction, and

Whereas, the construction of modern highways in many instances impedes the fish runs and big game migration routes and otherwise damages fish and wildlife resources, and

Whereas, the public access for hunting and fishing is not always adequately programmed in highway construction;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association hereby urges the enactment of the principles of S. 2767 which measure would provide that the principles of the Coordination Act would apply to Federal highway construction.

RESOLUTION NO. 16

NATIONAL SURVEY OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES, FUTURE NEEDS AND POTENTIALS

Whereas, various types of outdoor recreation including hunting and fishing are competing with other uses of land and water for land and water areas, and

Whereas, a thorough knowledge of present and future fish and wildlife needs and potentials is necessary to adequately plan for and justify future fishing and hunting space, now

Therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners hereby requests the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in cooperation with a Special Committee of the International Association, to investigate the feasibility of using Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson or other funds to organize and conduct standardized state surveys which will result in a national survey of fish and wildlife resources, future needs and potentials, and

Be it further resolved that if it is determined such a survey is feasible the President and Executive Committee of the International Association authorize its early initiation with the cooperation of the various states and provinces, using such funds as may be made available for the survey; the survey to be conducted under procedures approved by the Special Committee of the International Association.